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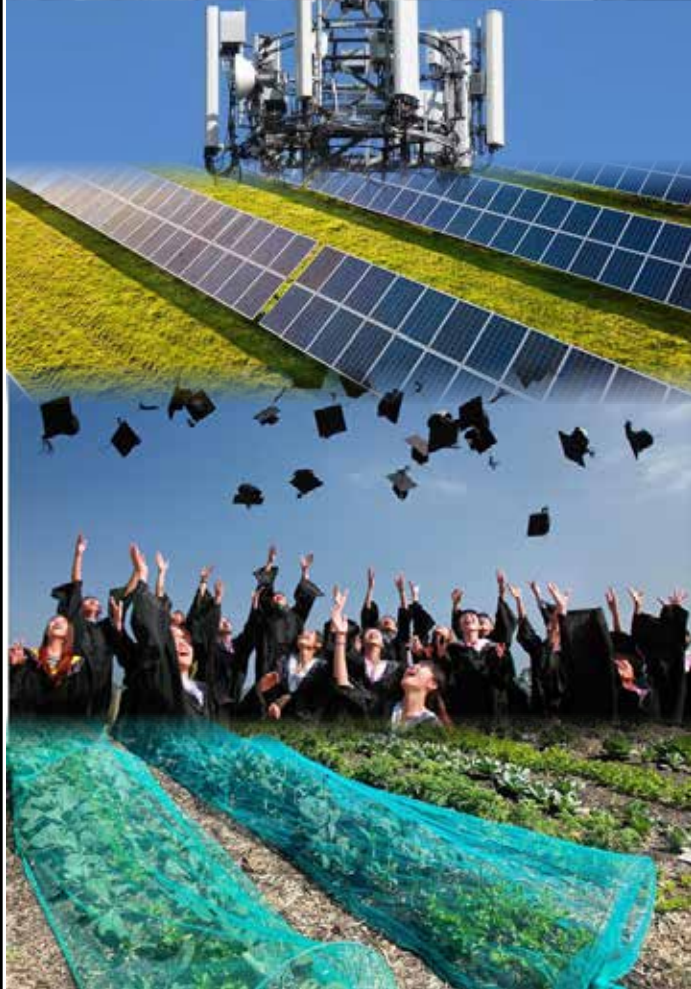
What The Minister Said



The Question Is, Not Whether Change is Needed, But How We Bring About That Change Effectively

There Is Little Value in Asking for Public Patience Without Showing Measureable Progress

Success is Not Measured by the Number of Policies But by the Opportunities Created for Our Community



BUDGET **2026** This Year's Budget – A SPEECH Statement of Direction

The introduction in last Friday's budget speech was different from previous years. There was a bit of the Andy Burnham's about it; here's some of it:

"Madam Speaker, this is a foundational budget. Year One is about stabilising St Helena and strengthening how government works, so that Years Two and Three have the fiscal room (the flexibility a government has in its budget to increase spending or cut taxes without risk) to do more. For the first time in many years, this budget is framed within a three-year funding programme, and we have already begun taking the steps needed to deliver on it.

It is also an acknowledgement that Government cannot meet the challenges ahead on its own. Progress will depend on the choices we make together—as Government, businesses, community organisations, families and individuals—and on everyone having a meaningful part in shaping St Helena's future.

St Helena has faced a long period of decline. Our population has fallen, our workforce has become smaller, the cost of delivering public services has increased and much of our infrastructure still requires significant investment. These are not challenges unique to St Helena, nor did they emerge overnight — they have built up over many years, and they are the starting point for this Government.

Our task is to stabilise that decline, build on the good work already under way, and create the platform to reverse it, while protecting the most vulnerable from the rising costs of living.

The question before us is therefore not whether change is needed, but how we bring about that change effectively."

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"Madam Speaker, no Government starts with a blank sheet of paper. Every administration inherits opportunities and challenges, and builds on the work of those who came before. I therefore want to acknowledge the contribution of previous Governments, Ministers, elected Members and public servants. The various reforms such as Education and Infrastructure begun under different administrations represent significant investment in St Helena's future. Our responsibility has not been to begin again, but to build on those foundations, bring them into one coherent strategy, and ensure they deliver for our community."

The next part of the speech skipped through the global problems that affect everyone, including us in little, lonesome St Helena. Wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, higher trade barriers, lower growth and the ever increasing cost of living. All of this can be summed up in two words – Trump and Putin. Add an ayatollah or two and we are all screwed.

In St Helena this means higher costs for medicines, food, fuel, shipping, air services and public services. None of the above can be controlled by anyone one in St Helena. What we can do, we are told, is to be well prepared to respond to them. "That is why this Budget places such emphasis on resilience, strengthening our infrastructure, improving financial management, investing in our workforce and reducing the risks that make St Helena vulnerable to external shocks." Treasury minister Rebecca Cairns-Wicks continued, "That thinking underpins much of this budget. It is not designed simply to help St Helena endure uncertainty; we need to make St Helena stronger because of it."

The problems that are St Helena's own and not shared with the rest of the world include the UK government's continuing reductions on overseas aid, the population getting smaller and older, making it harder to sustain the services and infrastructure on which our community depends. Determined to get us in the party mood, the treasury minister added, "Invasive species and changing climate threaten the resources that underpin our water and food

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security. Together, these challenges undermine confidence, discourage investment and make it harder for people to see a secure future on St Helena, encouraging more people to leave.” Oh boy! Is there more? Yes. “This is why this Budget is different. Our first priority is to strengthen the foundations on which future progress depends.”



This Year's Budget Highlights

Taxation

There are no changes to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, service tax or withholding tax. The personal allowance is also unchanged.

Customs Duty is unaltered, apart from changes agreed in March this year where duty on vaping fluids was introduced.

There will be increases in alcohol and tobacco duty. Tobacco duty will increase by the rate of inflation plus 2%. The most recent estimate of annual inflation is published this week at 2.7%. Expect all packs of 20 to cost more than £9 when new stocks with the increased duty are on sale.

Budget Highlights

Child Benefit for children aged 0 to 5 is introduced. It is intended that support will begin at £15 per week in the first year, rising to £20 per week in Year Two.

An additional £2.2 million for Health and Social Care, recognising the growing pressure of an ageing population and rising drug and intervention costs.

£172,000 to reduce the impact of rising world oil prices on energy bills, capping the expected increase at 1p per kWh rather than 3p, on top of the existing £1.5 million subsidy to Connect St Helena Ltd that already keeps utility costs down for consumers.

Introduction of concessionary ticket fares for over 70s who use the Public Transport Service. Further details on ticket pricing will be communicated next month.

£25,000 for targeted support to small and medium enterprises and £50,000 to help establish agriculture as a significant, stable part of our economy.

£550,000 a year secured within the new three-year aid settlement specifically for tourism development. This funding stream is ring fenced by the UK Government for this purpose.

Under the new programme, SHG will continue to market St Helena as a world-class tourist destination.

£320,000 has been allocated to the Financial Services and Company Registry Development



This Year's Budget Highlights

Programme.

A further £70,000 to controlling and managing invasive species.

£40,000 will be spent this year strengthening tax systems, rising to £110,000 by 2028/29. This will support staff to enhance audit, modernise systems and improve compliance activity to ensure everyone pays the tax they properly owe.

Portfolio Budgets

£12.3 million for central support services, which includes £9.4 million for technical cooperation officers, £0.6 million for legislative council expenditure

£0.2 million for the Attorney Generals Chambers

£3.4 million for Safety Security and Home Affairs, which includes £0.5 million for the prison,

£0.5 million of road maintenance, £0.6 million for building maintenance and £1.0 million for Customs, Immigration and Port Control

£0.2 million for Judicial Services

£7.6 million for Treasury including £1.1 million for Treasury Services, £1.1 million for the defined contributory pension scheme contributions and £5.4 million for payments on behalf of the crown which includes the subsidy to Connect St Helena Ltd of £1.7 million.

£0.8 million for Policing

£6.5 million for Economic Development, which includes £3.2 million for the operational subsidy to St Helena Airport, £2.0 million for various contracts such as the fuel management and Met Office contracts, £0.3 million of financial services, and £0.6 million for Tourism

£6.3 million for Pensions and Benefits, which includes £3.3 million for Basic Island Pension,

£1.8 million for the SHG defined benefit scheme and £1.2 million for Income Related benefits

£4.2 million for Education, Skills and Employment

£11.9 million for Health and Social Care, which includes £2.8 million for overseas medical referrals and evacuations, £3.0 million for the Hospital and Pharmacy, £4.1 million for social care services, £0.2 million for mental health care

£2.0 million for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning

Giving a total recurrent budget of £55.3 million.



In the Year Ahead

Tax Changes

In the budget speech, the treasury minister said, “During the year ahead, as agreed in this house, we will focus our efforts to review Customs duty, and we will be revisiting the personal income tax. We will begin to explore other options as part of our overarching tax policy to support stability today, while creating the conditions for sustainable growth tomorrow. Every business that creates employment, every individual who pays tax, and every volunteer who contributes to our community helps sustain the public services on which we all depend.”

We can expect another attempt to get increased thresholds in the personal tax allowance through Legislative Council. Exploring other tax options to “support stability today” does not make clear what the government’s intention are. Changes discussed in the past have included reductions in charges to encourage more business activity. Not all options explored have resulted in a tax hike.

We’ll ask questions on this subject when we interview the ministers about the budget on Saint FM at 4pm today.

The Technical Co-operation Budget

Central Support Services has the biggest portfolio budget of all. £12.3 million allocated to Support Services is £400,000 more than for Health and Social Care. But Central Support Services is not just admin back-up – like Human Resources. That budget includes £9.4 million for Technical Co-operation. It is an area of recurrent budget expenditure that has grown over time. The money is not only used for attracting specialists for expert advice. It is a recruitment fund for filling vacancies in healthcare, policing, education and social care, among others, where vacancies for essential jobs cannot be filled when advertised locally. In the budget speech, the minister said, “Therefore, one of this year’s priorities is workforce reform and future workforce planning. Every successful recruitment, every trained Saint and every vacancy filled reduces long-term costs and creates more room to invest in our community. The same principle applies to digital transformation, public financial management, tax administration, telecommunications reform, water security and renewable energy.” Adding, “They are practical measures that reduce long-term costs, improve productivity and strengthen Government’s ability to deliver better services.”

The Basic Island Pension

Government intends to review later this year whether an interim increase in the Basic Island Pension can be introduced to address the immediate cost of living, ahead of a full pensions review that will determine how any increase can be sustainably financed for the long term.

Telecoms and Sure

SHG are reviewing the telecommunications licensing framework to protect the interests of St Helena consumers and improve the communication services available on the island. We are in discussion with our on-island provider to secure a licensing framework that can maximise the benefit of the cable for the whole community.



The Wider Investment Programmes

Government is managing several different funding programmes with different purposes. Our Economic Development Investment Programme allocation, around £15 million a year for the next three years, which combines the new £40 million with £5 million carried over from the previous programme, is already substantially committed: to the new prison and Bulk Fuel Infrastructure, and to legacy projects already under way, including the primary school reorganisation supporting education reform and waste water treatment. The certainty of this funding also allows us, at last, to make a start on the renewable energy project. This funding will provide a real stimulus to our local economy; the approved project pipeline is not yet finalised, and more detail will be published later this year.

Wherever practical, we must ensure that this investment also develops local capability, through local employment, apprenticeships, training, contracting opportunities and the transfer of skills. The value of capital investment should be measured not only by the infrastructure delivered, but by what remains within the community after construction is complete.

On BIOT, the funding extension will make possible:

- £2.0 million for Health and Social Care, split between essential equipment and overseas medical referrals across two financial years, to give the Health Directorate room to implement its Health Standards work;
 - £2.3 million toward our education reform programme and COBIS accreditation, on top of the £3.5 million already committed through EDIP for school reorganisation; and
 - £3.7 million for telecoms and renewable energy infrastructure enabling us to progress the development of a modern telecommunications network that lets St Helena take full advantage of the Equiano cable.
- £0.8 million has been set aside to support operational readiness, should migrants arrive in BIOT and then St Helena.

Together with the £6.65 million already received under the earlier agreement, which has supported preventative healthcare, reduced overseas medical referral backlog, funded education reform and developed SHGs IT infrastructure, this represents a substantial, sustained investment in the systems that will either stabilise or reduce our future costs.

Finally, in the spirit of the UK's shift from donor to investor, our three-year settlement includes a conditionality mechanism: up to an additional £1.0 million in financial aid across Years Two and Three, through five conditions each year worth £200,000 each. The gateway for every condition is the same: SHG must deliver a balanced budget outturn each year. It is, in other words, a direct reward for the discipline this budget sets out to demonstrate.

Taken together, recurrent funding, EDIP and BIOT will provide substantial additional investment on top of our £55 million core budget over the next three years. This means the total funding available to this government to deliver our vision and strategy in 2026/27 is £76 million, in



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2027/28 £78 million and in 2028/29 £75 million.

This might seem like a lot, said the minister, but in reality we still fall short of our funding needs and there are a number of other sources of support from other UK agencies and departments such as Blue Belt, Darwin Plus, support from UKHSA, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Ministry of Justice upon which we rely heavily to meet our core responsibilities in the stewardship of our natural assets; and the health and safety of our people.

Success will not be measured by the number of policies we introduce, but by the opportunities created for our community: whether more young people choose to remain; whether more Saints return home; whether businesses invest with greater confidence; whether communities grow stronger; whether people live healthier lives; whether our natural environment continues to thrive; and whether future generations inherit an island stronger than the one we inherited ourselves. Those are the outcomes that matter.

The success of the Vision we have published will depend on all of us. This budget is one important step on that journey. But it is not the journey itself.

The minister's closing statement was, "The challenges described today belong to all of us, but so too do St Helena's strengths: our knowledge of this island, our commitment to one another, our ability to adapt and our determination to protect the place we call home. Government will provide leadership, but lasting progress will be achieved only if people feel informed, respected and able to participate. This budget is therefore not simply Government's programme; it is an invitation to the whole community to help build a stronger and more secure future for St Helena."

Starlink Local Plans Soon Available on Ascension Island

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) has been working closely with Starlink (SpaceX) to expand the range of service plans available on Ascension Island.

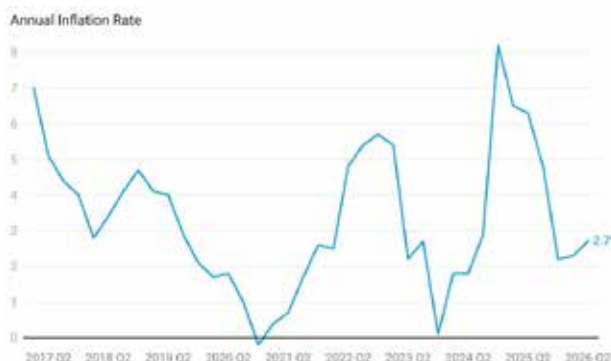
Starlink has been licensed to provide services on Ascension Island since 2024, during which time customers have had access to global roaming plans. Recognising the importance of Starlink for international connectivity for both business and residential users, AIG has worked to remove barriers to introducing local plans and through this collaborative engagement, that goal has now been achieved.

Current users will soon (potentially even this week) receive a notification directly from Starlink with details of these changes, and the new local plans will also be activated on the Starlink purchase page.

This is a positive step for communications on Ascension Island, and supports AIG's ongoing commitment to resilient, accessible communications for all.

Office of the Administrator

Latest inflation rates for April-June 2026



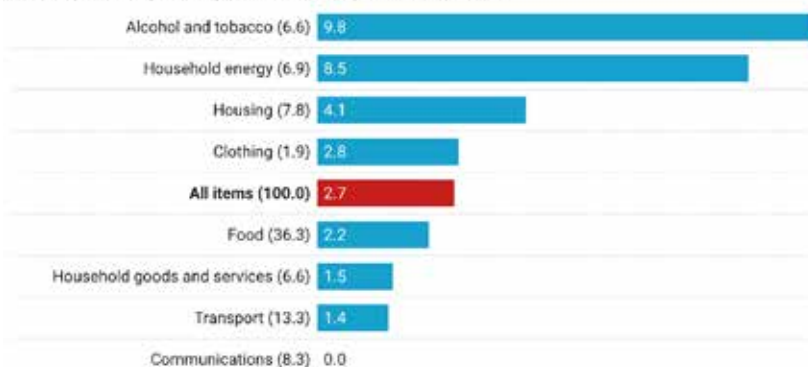
The latest estimate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has been released by the St Helena Statistics Office, for the second quarter of 2026 (Q2 2026). The CPI has been measured at 106.4, an increase of 0.5% on the previous quarter (Q1 2026) and a 2.7% increase compared to a year ago (Q2 2025). This annual inflation rate of 2.7% is an increase in the rate of 0.4 percentage points compared to the rate measured in Q1 2026, which was 2.3%.

Price changes over the last year

All groups of representative items saw their average prices rise compared to a year ago, apart from Communications and Miscellaneous Goods and Services which remained unchanged. The highest average annual increase was in Alcohol and Tobacco (9.8%), with price increases across the board within the category. This is consistent with the increases to customs duty rates for alcoholic beverages and tobacco, which took effect from 1st April 2026. Household Energy was the second highest average annual increase at 8.5%; this category includes gas and firewood, and the price of electricity – the commodity with the highest individual weight in the current basket of goods and services – was increased at the beginning of Q3 2025.

Annual inflation in the Food category rose by 1.4 percentage points to an estimated 2.2% in Q2 2026. Food makes up over a third of the basket, and this change is partly due to an increase in the price of some common food items such as local tuna fish and imported pork. This is the largest annual increase in the Food category since Q3 2025, when it was 6.9%.

Annual percentage change, Q2 2026 compared to Q2 2025



Miscellaneous goods and services (12.2) 0.0

The share of average household expenditure spent on each category of goods and services in the base year (2024) is given in parenthesis.

Source: SHG Statistics Office • Created with Datawrapper

Price changes over the last quarter

The quarterly change in the CPI was 0.5%, comparing the index value in Q1 2026 to its value in Q2 2026. The largest increases were in Alcohol and Tobacco, which rose by 3.5% over the quarter, Clothing, which saw a 3.1% increase, followed by Housing at 1.1% and Food at 1.0%. During the period between Q1 2026 and Q2 2026, 39 representative items saw an increase in price, 25 saw a decrease and 140 item remained unchanged.

Quarterly percentage change, Q2 2026 compared to Q1 2026



The share of average household expenditure spent on each category of goods and services in the base year (2024) is given in parenthesis.

Source: SHG Statistics Office • Created with Datawrapper

Price changes in the UK and South Africa

Changes in both the UK and South Africa can contribute strongly to the price index on St Helena, since the majority of goods imported are purchased in those two countries. In May 2026 annual consumer price inflation in the UK was measured at 2.8% (UK Office for National Statistics), unchanged from the 12 months to April. In South Africa, annual consumer price inflation was measured at 4.5% in May 2026 (Statistics South Africa), up from 4.0% in April 2026. Changes in the value of the Rand compared to the Pound can have a large effect on the change in the price of goods purchased in South Africa, but during the twelve months between Q2 2025 and Q2 2026 the Pound averaged 22.7 Rand, slightly less than the average value for the previous twelve months (23.5).

Ascension Enhances Emergency Preparedness with Successful Oil Spill Response Training and Tactical Exercise

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) has successfully co-ordinated the latest round of specialised oil spill response training. Over a two-week period, 40 personnel from the Island's main employing organisations received intensive training, bringing the total number of qualified responders on Ascension to 90.

This initiative fulfils Ascension's obligations under the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and contributes to our readiness to protect the island's unique marine environment.

The training concluded with a cross-organisation Deployment Exercise. This live tactical and strategic simulation successfully tested AIG's specialist equipment, responders' readiness and the Island's Oil Spill Contingency Plan, in addition to broadening understanding of organisational roles.

Any pollution incident, whether at sea or on land demands immediate, decisive action and a coordinated, "one-island" response. AIG extends its thanks to all participants and our trainers from Ambipar for their time, dedication, and commitment to building emergency resilience. AIG also acknowledges the funding and support, provided by the UK Government via the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and Overseas Territories and Polar Directorate (OTPD) in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Facilities & Operations Directorate





TIP OF THE WEEK



CHECK TIMERS ON OUTDOOR LIGHTS

TO ENSURE THEY AREN'T STAYING ON LONGER THAN NEEDED.



USE LIGHT SMARTER. USE LESS ENERGY.



SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY, AND CARE FOR THE PLANET!

Small changes. BIG IMPACT.



Achievements in Policing

Last week, the Royal St Helena Police Service posted to its social media page:

“Congratulations to PC Megan Francis and PC Evelyn Muo on successfully passing their Initial Police Training!”
“After plenty of hard work, dedication and determination, they've reached an important milestone in their policing careers. This achievement is a testament to the effort they've put in, and we're incredibly proud of them both, and asked the public to join the service in congratulating Megan and Evelyn as they begin this exciting new chapter serving our community.”

Accompanying the post were several photographs (as seen below) of PC Megan Francis and PC Evelyn Muo receiving their certificates of recognition from His Excellency Governor Phillips, in the presence of Chief of Police Julian Pezzani, colleagues, and Megan's mother at the Governor's Office on Wednesday, 15 July.

The good news and successes for the Royal St Helena Police Service continued on Thursday evening when the Service announced that it had held an Awards Night to recognise staff for their outstanding performance, dedication, and commitment to serving the community.

The awards were proudly presented by Chief of Police Julian Pezzani alongside His Excellency the Governor, who both congratulated the recipients and thanked all staff for their continued professionalism and dedication to keeping St Helena safe.

The evening celebrated the hard work, teamwork, and commitment shown by officers and staff throughout the year. Their efforts are often unseen, but they make a real difference to the community every single day.

The Royal St Helena Police Service extended its congratulations to all of this year's award recipients and nominees, emphasising that their dedication is truly appreciated and expressing how incredibly proud the Service is of their achievements.



On behalf of everyone at *The St Helena Independent*, we wish all of the award recipients every success as they continue their journey with the Royal St Helena Police Service.

Fuel pricing and cost of living concerns

Jeffrey Ellick

Introduction

Fuel is one of the most critical resources underpinning St Helena's economy. It affects transport, utilities, goods, services, and ultimately the overall cost of living for every household and business. Because of this, fuel pricing is not simply an economic issue — it is a social and community wellbeing issue.

St Helena consistently records one of the highest fuel prices in the world. The tables below illustrate how St Helena compares internationally.

International fuel pricing comparisons

United Kingdom & Europe

Country / Region	Avg Petrol Price	Avg Diesel Price	Notes
St Helena	£2.02	£2.07	Fixed isolated island rate; highest overall costs
UK	£1.52	£1.69	Duty frozen but VAT remains high
EU Collective Average	£1.46 (€1.73)	£1.44 (€1.71)	Stabilised across 27 member states
Denmark / Netherlands	£1.95 (€2.31)	£2.08 (€2.46)	Highest in EU; heavy eco taxes
Spain / Central Europe	£1.30	£1.28 (€1.52)	Lower national fuel taxes
Malta / Eastern Europe	£1.13 (€1.34)	£1.02 (€1.21)	Lowest in EU due to subsidies

South Africa

Region	Petrol (per litre)	Diesel (per litre)	Notes
South Africa – Inland (Johannesburg)	R25.94–R26.10 (~£1.13–£1.14)	R24.79–R25.17 (~£1.08–£1.09)	Dropped sharply on 1 July
South Africa – Coastal (Cape Town/Durban)	R25.07–R25.23 (~£1.10–£1.11)	R23.92–R24.30 (~£1.05–£1.06)	Lower due to transport costs
St Helena (fixed)	£2.02	£2.07	Prices set by government, not market-linked

South America

Country	Petrol	Diesel	Notes
Uruguay	£1.58	£1.45	Highest in South America; fully import dependent
Chile	£1.21	£1.05	Stabilised by national fund (MEPCO)
Argentina	£1.05	£1.16	Highly volatile due to inflation
Brazil	£0.94	£0.97	State regulated; ethanol blending
Colombia	£0.90	£0.64	Gradual price hikes as subsidies reduce
Bolivia	£0.74	£1.04	Fixed government pricing
Venezuela	~£0.02	£0.00	World's lowest due to extreme subsidies

British Overseas Territories

Territory	Petrol	Diesel	Notes
Gibraltar	£1.08	£1.19	0% VAT regime
Falkland Islands	£1.14	£1.10	Subsidised baseline
Cayman Islands	£1.14	£1.10	Regulated by OfReg
Bermuda	£1.83	£1.68	Government price freeze
Montserrat	~£1.10	~£1.10	EC\$3.45 per litre
St Helena	£2.02	£2.07	Isolated import route; no refinery access

Global Highest Fuel Prices

Country	Petrol	Diesel	Notes
Hong Kong	£3.14	£3.41–£3.46	Includes excise duty; highest globally

Fuel pricing and cost of living concerns

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Important Note: After loyalty schemes and promotions, Hong Kong's actual paid rate often falls to £2.03–£2.15 — almost identical to St Helena's pump price, despite Hong Kong having extensive public transport and EV infrastructure

Why St Helena's fuel costs are so high

1 Tax structure

Countries such as Spain and Poland keep fuel taxes low to support workers and reduce living costs. Others, like Denmark and the Netherlands, raise fuel prices to encourage electric vehicle use.

St Helena does not have:

- EV-ready infrastructure,
- sufficient charging points,
- renewable energy-powered charging,
- or a fit for purpose all-inclusive public transport system

2 Supply chain challengers

St Helena relies on a single long-distance shipping route from South Africa.

By contrast:

- The UK uses domestic refineries.
- Europe uses integrated pipelines and barge networks.
- Other islands have shorter freight routes.

This makes St Helena's logistics uniquely expensive.

3 Lack of public transport alternatives

Countries with high fuel prices often offset costs through:

- subsidised public transport,
- extensive bus/rail networks,
- EV incentives.

St Helena does not currently have a fully inclusive or effective public transport system.

Global Average Comparison

Global average petrol price: £1.12 per litre St Helena petrol price: £2.02 per litre Difference: Over 80% higher than the world average.

How other countries respond to fuel price shocks

1 Public Demonstrations

Ireland (April 2026):

- Announced a €505 million support package for industries.
- Earlier, in March 2026, had introduced a €250m package reducing pump prices by €0.15–0.20/L.
- Cut excise duty on petrol and diesel until July 2026.

UK:

- Rising costs triggered national debate on energy security.

2 Community Transport Adjustments

- England (May 2026):
 - 88% of operators reported fuel cost increases of 14–55%.
 - Volunteer drivers reduced hours or left schemes.
 - Government increased mileage allowance from 45p to 55p per mile.

3 Government relief measures

- Slovenia: Cut excise duties; reduced pump prices.
- Philippines: Declared a national energy emergency; suspended excise taxes.
- France: Introduced targeted support for businesses and self-employed workers.

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Summary Table

Country	Community Action	Government Response	Outcome
Ireland	Protests	€235m package	Partial relief
England	Volunteer shortages	Mileage increase	Stabilised retention
Slovenia	Public pressure	Tax cuts	Slight price reduction
Philippines	Lobbying	Emergency declaration	Limited relief
France	Worker advocacy	Support programmes	Economic stability

UK Fuel concessions in 2026

1. Fuel Duty Freeze – extended to 31 December 2026.
2. Red Diesel Rebates – duty reduced from 10.18p to 6.48p per litre.
3. Household Support Measures – fuel vouchers, Warm Home Discount, Household Support Fund.

Key Questions for St Helena

As British citizens, St Helenians are part of the wider British family. The UK Government has implemented concessions to support its population during global fuel price increases. This raises several important questions:

1. What concessions has the St Helena Government put in place to support residents facing high fuel costs?
2. What future measures are being considered to mitigate the impact of rising fuel prices?
3. Will the community need to apply pressure — through lobbying, petitions, or organised advocacy — to ensure fair and reasonable cost of living protections?
4. Will the people of St Helena accept the current situation, or call upon both the St Helena Government and the UK Government to implement fair, proportionate, and sustainable cost of living measures comparable to those provided in the UK and other modern nations?



Fuel pricing and accountability

Residents, fellow St Helenians,

I bring this matter forward because the current situation with fuel costs demands our collective concern and our shared resolve to seek action. Fuel is not just an economic input; it is the single most influential factor shaping the cost of living, the viability of businesses, and the financial stability of every household on St Helena. When fuel

prices rise, everything rises. And when fuel prices remain among the highest in the world, the burden becomes intolerable.

Let me be clear: St Helena is paying more for fuel than almost any modern nation, including the United Kingdom, Europe, South Africa, South America, and even most British Overseas Territories. We are paying more despite having fewer alternatives, fewer protections, and fewer support mechanisms than any of those places.

This is not just a statistic. It is a failure of policy.

Around the world, governments respond to fuel price shocks. Ireland secured a €235 million relief package after public pressure. England increased mileage allowances to protect volunteer drivers. Slovenia cut taxes. The Philippines declared a national energy emergency. France introduced targeted support for workers and businesses. And the UK — our constitutional partner — froze fuel duty, expanded rebates, and strengthened household support



programmes.

Yet here on St Helena, the people continue to shoulder the full weight of global fuel volatility with no meaningful concessions.

Why?

Why is St Helena — a British community (Part of the British family) — facing fuel prices that are over 80% higher than the global average, without the protections offered to citizens in the UK?

Why are families, workers, and businesses left to absorb costs that other governments actively shield their populations from?

Why is our island expected to accept a situation that modern nations would never tolerate?

These are not abstract questions. They are questions of leadership. They are questions of accountability. And they are questions that must be answered.

We know the causes: The methodology used in the fixed pricing model does not reflect our reality. A supply chain that is uniquely expensive. A lack of public transport alternatives. An absence of EV infrastructure. And a government response that has not kept pace with the needs of its people.

But knowing the causes is not enough. We must now demand solutions.

So, I say this clearly and without hesitation:

The people of St Helena deserve the same level of protection, support, and fairness that citizens across the UK and other modern nations receive.

We deserve fuel concessions. We deserve cost of living measures. We deserve a government that recognises the pressure our community is under and acts decisively to relieve it.

And if those measures are not forthcoming, then we must be prepared to raise our voices — respectfully, peacefully, but firmly. Whether through petitions, organised advocacy, or direct engagement with both the St Helena Government and the UK Government, we must make it clear that the current situation is not acceptable.

Because this is not just about fuel. It is about dignity. It is about fairness. It is about the future of our island.

St Helena has always been resilient. But resilience should not be mistaken for silence. And silence should not be mistaken for acceptance.

The evidence is clear. The comparisons are clear. The global responses are clear. Now, the question is whether our leaders will act — and whether our community will insist that they do. In the recent budget session, the Chief Minister announced a moderate increase in fuel prices. It was further noted that a small subsidy will be provided to the electricity company to offset fuel costs. This intervention means electricity prices will rise, but not as sharply as they might have without support. While this measure is welcome, it does not sufficiently address the wider fuel-related cost of living concerns facing our community.

At the same time, the Chief Minister stated that £6 million is in the general reserve. Yet there was no mention of using any of this fund to provide direct relief to households and businesses already struggling with the rising costs of fuel and its knock-on effects.

Reserves exist to protect communities in times of strain. A modest subsidy to the electricity company is a step in the right direction, but it falls short of easing the broader pressures caused by fuel increases. What is needed is a more comprehensive and compassionate approach — one that demonstrates government's readiness to act responsibly and decisively in reducing the burden fuel costs place on its people.

It is now left to you — the Government, and you — the people, to make this right. The responsibility cannot be deferred, nor can the burden be ignored. Leadership must rise to the challenge, and citizens must stand together to insist upon change.

If you are in agreement, to move forward constructively, I ask: would the public support a meeting dedicated to this matter, where concerns can be voiced openly and solutions discussed collectively? Such a gathering would give our community the chance to demonstrate



unity, to press for fairness, and to ensure that the cost of fuel — and its impact on our cost of living — is addressed with the seriousness and timeliness it deserves.

Only through decisive action and collective resolve can we ensure that fairness, dignity, and relief are delivered to our island community.

Call me 51210, message me, talk to me,

Jeff Ellick

Dear Editor,

As a Saint living abroad with familial ties on the island, I have found The Surgeon of St Helena, produced by Always True Crime, deeply troubling to hear. My thoughts are first and foremost with the claimants and their families, whose experiences deserve justice and accountability. Equally appalling as the allegations against the surgeon are the serious questions raised about SHG's apparent efforts to conceal, minimise, or obstruct full accountability for what happened. This scandal brings into sharp focus a broader and longstanding issue that extends beyond the actions of one surgeon, the apparent failure of effective clinical oversight under the Chief Medical Officer, or the decisions of any one Governor. It shines a revealing spotlight on an institutional culture within SHG leadership that appears resistant to scrutiny, ownership, and accountability.

Institutional arrogance is evident when legitimate questions are met with silence and when catastrophic governance failures do not result in a clear public accounting of what went wrong, who was responsible, and what has changed as a result.

Particular scrutiny should also fall on individuals who have held, or currently hold, positions of power and influence and who, when entrusted with the authority to challenge systemic failures relating to this case, may have remained silent or placed institutional loyalty and self-preservation above their responsibility to the people they were appointed to serve.

Those entrusted with leadership have a greater duty to challenge systemic negligence and act with integrity when it matters most. That is especially relevant if St Helena is to successfully attract investment and resolve complex depopulation challenges, because trust in public institutions is fundamental to both.

The realities of life in St Helena's small island community cannot be ignored. SHG is the largest employer, and challenging institutions can carry personal, professional, and social consequences. Nor is St Helena's colonial legacy confined to the past. Its remnants remain visible in a constitutional system where locally elected government coexists with a UK-appointed Governor, and ultimate constitutional authority rests with the UK Government.

The Surgeon of St Helena scandal, and the international attention it is attracting, must not only help forge a less obstructive path to justice for the claimants, but also catalyze meaningful reform to strengthen transparency, oversight, and institutional accountability on St Helena.

Examination must extend beyond The Castle and confront the accountability gap between St Helena and Westminster. Current governance obscures where responsibility lies across SHG, the Governor, and the UK Government. These are three distinct centres of authority with different mandates, priorities, incentives, and measures of success that do not always align.

The result is an accountability gap that weakens the protection of Saints' constitutional rights by obscuring who is responsible and obstructing the pursuit of effective, independent redress when systemic institutional failures lead to catastrophic outcomes for islanders.

Ann-Marie Jonas
United States



Dear Vince

I was sad to hear of the death of May Young.

I first met her in 1966 when she was the community midwife and provided excellent care for my wife, Wendy and the arrival of my son, Andrew.

As a newly arrived doctor she was a valuable source of information on medical matters such as the relationships within the families who were "bleeders" or prone to familial angioedema as the relationships were not generally noted but important for medical care.

The last known case of leprosy died shortly after I arrived and May was able to give me an insight into the issue, and pointed out houses where known cases had lived and the site of the old leprosy hospital below Alarm Forest.

She was a fund of knowledge which I hope has been recorded somewhere as it would be tragic to lose such folk history that is not in official records from such characters as May.

May was a valued colleague and friend who I was able to meet and reminisce about old times when I returned on holiday and found her hale and hearty and still with a clear memory of past events. I will miss her but treasure her memory.

Regards

Richard Grainger



<u>The Parish of St Paul's</u>		
Sunday 26th July 2026– 17th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m..	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
<u>The Parish of St James</u>		
Sunday 26th July 2026 – 17th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
6.00 p.m.	Patronal Festival	St James
<u>The Parish of St Matthew</u>		
Sunday 26th July 2026 – 17th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
<u>Tuesday 21st July</u>		
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark



VACANCY



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We are looking for someone who has:

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- Strong analytical, communication and organisation skills, with excellent attention to detail.
- The ability to maintain confidentiality and build positive working relationships across the Bank.

Interested persons can contact Risk and Compliance Manager, on risk.compliancemanager@sainthelenabank.com or (+290) 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 31 July 2026.



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BENEFITS

- **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- **Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- **Training and Development**
- **Paid sickness absence**

HOW TO APPLY

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies. Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

Budget Officer (£13,569 per annum)

Are you experienced in accounting or budgeting? If so, SHG is seeking a Budget Officer to join our Treasury team. In this role, you will provide expert guidance and support to budget holders in preparing, monitoring, and managing their budgets. You will review and analyse budget documentation, scrutinise departmental Budget Execution Reports, and advise Budget Holders and Senior Management on strategies to address variances, providing clear evidence to support your recommendations. If this opportunity excites you, we'd love to hear from you!

Enquiries: Mercy Chiseya on Tel No. 22470 or Email: mercy.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 July 2026

Shortlisting date: 05 August 2026

Interview date: 18 August 2026

Research Coordinator (£16,248 per annum)

Are you passionate about education, research, and creating opportunities that make a lasting impact? If so, St Helena Community College is looking for a dedicated Research Co-ordinator to join its team. In this varied and rewarding role, you will oversee the management of research applications, including organising and facilitating meetings where required. You will be responsible for maintaining and developing the Research Database, ensuring that all research activity is accurately recorded, securely managed, and readily accessible. You will also provide regular reports to the Research Council and Steering Group, highlighting the effectiveness of the St Helena Research Institute, including achievements, areas for development, research secured, and income generated. Working closely with both internal and external partners, you will play a key role in strengthening relationships and supporting the continued development and successful delivery of the St Helena Research Institute. This is an exciting opportunity for an organised, proactive individual who is committed to supporting research, education, and innovation on St Helena.

For more information or to arrange an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

Education Skills and Employment is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of identity and qualifications, and will be subject to reference checks, an enhanced police background check, and any other safeguarding checks relevant to the role. We promote equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Enquiries: Angela Benjamin on Tel No. 22607 or Email: angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 07 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026

Interview date: 28 August 2026

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SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role



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Human Resources Assistant

6 months fixed term in the first instance

(£10,088 per annum) (Local interests only)

We are looking for a highly motivated individual to undertake a range of HR transactional processes and deliver a high-quality HR service. You will be required to provide administration duties in connection with recruitment and selection, processing of leavers and contractual changes in accordance with employment related policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to start your career in HR if you are a motivated, self-starter who has a passion for delivering great customer service and administration. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No.22470 or Email: sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 05 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 07 August 2026

Interview date: 14 August 2026

Grounds person

(£9,849 per annum)

Do you enjoy working outdoors and take pride in maintaining attractive, well-kept grounds? If so, St Helena Secondary School is looking to recruit a Groundsman to help maintain a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for everyone who uses Francis Plain and the school grounds. In this role, you will be responsible for carrying out a range of ground maintenance tasks, including mowing grass, trimming hedges, and maintaining the Francis Plain Sports Field, its surrounding areas, and the grounds of St Helena Secondary School. If you're hardworking, enjoy outdoor work, and want to make a positive contribution, we'd love to hear from you!

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Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 07 August 2026

Shortlisting date: 12 August 2026

Interview date: 26 August 2026

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Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper



Salary for the post will commence at £11,752 per annum (£226 per week)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for a Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper.

As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients and accountable for completion of documents. Provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties, fuel transfers between storage tanks and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally be familiar with the safe loading, transportation and dispensing of fuels in bulk via Road Tanker
- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have basic competency in Maths & English
- Be able to work unsocial hours, including shift work
- Be customer focused and able to deliver excellent level of customer service
- Honest, accountable and proactive
- Be safety conscious and have Health & Safety awareness in a fuels environment
- Able to work effectively in a team environment
- Able to work to a high degree of accuracy in a within a highly structured framework and comply with established procedures
- Ideally have experience or be knowledgeable of the safe handling of fuels
- Be comfortable to work in a hazardous environment and deal with hazardous substances
- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties
- Ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via  22332  bfi@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **06 August 2026**.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:

★ Pension Contributions

★ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Senior Sales Assistant



Salary for the post will commence at £11,676 per annum (£973 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Silver Hill Shop for a Senior Sales Assistant.

The Senior Sales Assistant will provide support to Management, assisting with the day to day running of the store, whilst ensuring an excellent standard of customer service is always provided.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling, ideally including use of the EPOS till and payment by local debit card
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Be reliable and able to take on responsibility in overseeing the day to day operations when the Supervisor is away from the business
- Be available to work weekends.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Julie Lawrence, General Manager (Mercantile, Marketing & IT)  22380  julie.h.lawrence@solomons.co.sh

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A GUIDED WALK TO MACKINTOSH

@sthelelanatureconservationgroup

Join Us for a Family Friendly Walk to Mackintosh

Enjoy a gentle, guided walk to the Mackintosh post box, led by SHNCG members. Along the way we'll be running a mini species count - a great chance for kids (and grown-ups!) to learn about and spot some of the species we come across.

What to Expect

- Meet at Casons at 10:00am, walking together to the Mackintosh gate
- A mini species count for kids, with help learning some of the species we spot along the way
- The walk is expected to take around 1.5 hours
- Suitable footwear and bringing something to drink is recommended
- A gentle pace, welcoming to all ages and abilities.

A Walk to Mackintosh!

25 JULY, 2026

10:00AM

Meet at Casons

Everyone is welcome!

Need transport?
Email

sthelelanatureconservation@gmail.com or PM us and we'll see how we can help!

JULY-SEPT 26



UPCOMING EVENTS

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25 JULY

FAMILY WALK + KIDDIE BIOBLITZ

Mackintosh, Canons
Meet: Casons

10:00-12:00

30 AUGUST

WORLD WHALE SHARK DAY - MICROPLASTIC BEACH CLEAN

Sandy Bay Beach

10:00-12:00

19 SEPTEMBER

WORLD CLEAN UP DAY - EVENT 1

Jamestown Harbour (land & sea)
Meet: The Steps, Jamestown

10:00-13:00

20 SEPTEMBER

WORLD CLEAN UP DAY - EVENT 2

Ruperts Harbour
Meet: Ruperts Beach Hut's

10:00-13:00

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400 x 200 x 200mm Moulded Concrete Blocks

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ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

Weather Forces Postponement of Monthly Medal

Hopes were high as **12 players** signed up for last Sunday's **Monthly Medal Competition** at the St Helena Golf Club, but the weather had other plans.

Persistent fog and intermittent showers dominated most of the morning, making playing conditions unsuitable and forcing the **cancellation of the competition**. After careful consideration, organisers decided to **postpone the event** in the interest of player safety and fairness.

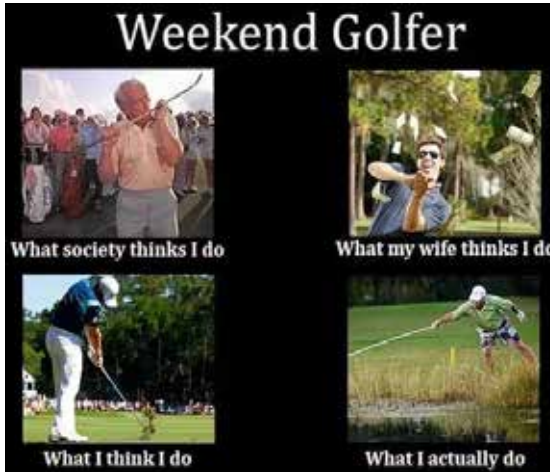


The **Monthly Medal Competition** has now been **rescheduled** for Sunday, 26 July 2026.

Registration will close at 3:00 pm on Saturday, 25 July 2026.

The St Helena Golf Club thanks all players for their understanding and looks forward to welcoming a strong field for the rescheduled competition, with hopes of much-improved weather and an enjoyable afternoon of golf.

For all your Golfer Readers out there, we thought we'd share a bit of humour this week below.





Team St Helena departs for Commonwealth Games in Glasgow



Last week, we mentioned in the St Helena Independent about the majority of the team leaving but on Saturday 18th saw the last athletic Tyler Anthony and his family along with Officials Anne Dillion and Theo Meij departing St Helena.

NSASH posted on their website following the departure of the last team members " Team St Helena has begun travelling to Glasgow, ahead of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, which will take place from 23 July to 2 August 2026.

Athletics and Officials will gather in Glasgow from 20 July as they prepare to represent St Helena on the international stage"

They went on to name each team member and the event they will participate in:



- **Blaze Baldwin** – 200m Sprint, 4x100m Relay
- **Sean Crowie** – 100m Sprint, 200m Sprint, 4x100m Relay
- **Tyler Anthony** – 100m Sprint, 200m Sprint, 4x100m Relay
- **Ty-Stroud Leo** – 100m Sprint, 4x100m Relay



- **Lucas Robertsee** – 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke
- **Nolan George** – 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly
- **William Caswell** – 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle, 800m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly

They mentioned during Team Officials accompanying the team are:

- **Ryan Benjamin** – Chef de Mission
- **Theo Meij** – General Team Manager and Athletics Official
- **Christine Caswell** – Swimming Official

- **Anne Dillon** – Vice Chair NSASH & President, CGA St Helena
- **Michelle Yon** – Secretary NSASH & Secretary-General, CGA St Helena
- **Mrs Kedell Worboys** – St Helena UK Representative

For Lucas Robertsee and Nolan George, this will be their first appearance representing St Helena on an international stage but as for the Athletics and remainder swimmer William Caswell they fully aware all eyes on them.

Sean has been selected to be the Team Flag Bearer and William Caswell to be the Team Baton Bearer.

Good Luck Team St Helena and we will follow you via the NSASH St Helena facebook page

Further Information



NSASH Foresters Hall
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St Helena
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<https://www.nsash.org.sh/contact-nsash/>



NSASH Committee

Vice Chair—Anne Dillon

Secretary — Michielle Thomas-Yon

Member - Christine Caswell

Member—Theo Meij

FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

Every week we will bring you the latest results, table standings and all information relating to the SHFA football season 2026.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Last weeks matches has brought us to the end of Round 1 with Bellboys still at the top of the table with still a game in hand.....can they maintain their lead or will Harts put up a fight for the tile in Round 2.

Saturday 18th July Young Boys 1 – Harts 20

Goalscorers Young Boys – Jude Jacobs

Goalscorers Harts— Lebron George 9, Ryan Stevens 3, Shane Stroud 2, James Cainswicks 2, Levi Williams, Kyle Shoesmith, Ethan Harris, Own Goal

Man of Match—Lebron George (Harts)

Sunday 19th July Bellboys 2— Rovers 2

Goalscorers Rovers – Rico Benjamin, Ronan Legg

Goalscorers Bellboys—Joey Thomas, Tyler Brady

Man of the Match— Jacob Duncan (Bellboys)

Young Player of the Match—Shaquille Benjamin (Rovers)

Sunday 19th July Le Verde 5 - Fugeees 4

Goalscorers Le Verde — Ayden Ncube 2, Robon Fabian, Om, Harry Winfield

Goalscorers Fugees— Lars Williams 3, Korban Minto

Man of the Match— Ayden Ncube (Le Verde)

MOST MAN OF THE MATCHES

TOP GOALSCORERS

Joey Thomas	Bellboys	17
Lebron George	Harts	17
Ronan Legg	Rovers	6
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	6
Shaquille Benjamin	Rovers	4

Ronan Legg	Rovers	2
Jacob Duncan	Bellboys	2

MOST YOUNG PLAYER OF THE MATCH

Zach Francis	Bellboys	3
Harry Winfield	Le Verde	2

FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Bellboys	4	3	1	0	33	7	26	10
Harts	5	3	1	1	34	11	23	10
Rovers	4	2	2	0	25	4	21	8
Le Verde	5	2	0	3	11	23	-12	6
Fugees	4	1	0	3	12	23	-11	3
STH Young Boys	4	0	0	5	5	52	-47	0

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday 26th July @ 1:30pm	Rovers vs STH Young Boys	Linesman Harts & Le Verde
Sunday 26th July @ 3:30pm	Bellboys vs Fugees	Linesman Rovers & STH Young Boys



It's Not the First Time. . . Disgraceful. . . Bad Losers

Seconds after the final whistle signalled Spain were the new world champions, some of the Argentine team switched to a different 'sport'.

The finger was pointed at Leandro Paredes, the Argentine midfielder, as the bad loser who started off the brawl.



Pablo Gavira, a Spanish substitute known as Gavi, went up to Paredes and showed surprise when Paredes became immediately very hostile at something Gavi said. Very soon afterwards, other players and staff joined in, to end the World Cup tournament on a very sour note. TV and radio commentators were heavily critical of Argentina and Paredes in particular. One commentator said Paredes had fouled so much during the final he should have been sent off five times already.



England should have won the semi-final against Argentina before the end of the first half. The reason? The Argentines fouled so much there should have been so many red cards shown to the Argentine team none of them were left on the pitch.



The standard of refereeing at the England v Argentina match was so poor it raised yet another question of bias among FIFA officials; the most famous being the FIFA reaction to Trump's intervention over Balogun's red card.



White House defends Argentina team over Falklands banner

The White House has defended the Argentinian football team's right to free speech after they controversially waved a banner in support of their country's territorial claim to the Falkland Islands while celebrating their World Cup win against England.

Argentina faces potential disciplinary action from

Fifa over the incident which could breach rules on political statements.

Asked whether players were in the wrong, Andrew Giuliani, head of the White House Fifa task force, said on Friday that the team had the opportunity and ability to "make those statements" in the US.

The comments could further fuel the row over the incident, which has seen Downing Street back calls for Fifa to investigate.

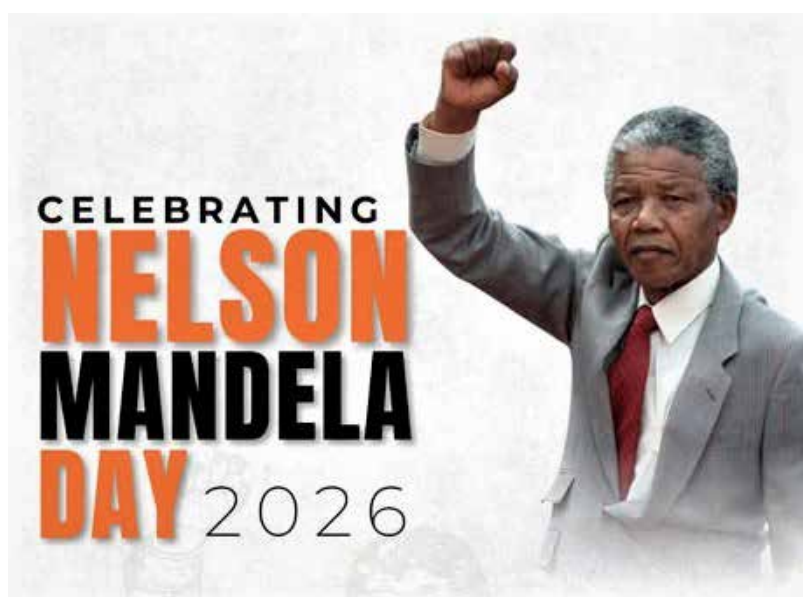
Players for Argentina held a banner after Wednesday's semi-final match reading "Las Malvinas son Argentinas", which translates as "The Falklands are Argentine".

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Giuliani referenced free speech protections in the US Constitution, saying: "We believe in our First Amendment rights here in the United States of America."

Giuliani, Trump, and the rest of his gang, confuse freedom with anarchy.

"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Nelson Mandela

International Nelson Mandela Day



"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

Mandela famously delivered these inspiring words during his 90th birthday celebration in London's Hyde Park in 2008, calling on the next generation to step up and address global injustices.

This powerful message has since become the central theme for the annual United Nations-recognised Nelson Mandela International Day, celebrated globally on 18th July every year. It serves as a daily call to action to combat poverty, inequity, and suffering through simple acts of service and compassion.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BLUE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Blue Hill Community Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

The Agenda will include:

- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of new Committee

Residents of the Blue Hill district are encouraged to attend.

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 06th August 2026, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

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Immingham	06-Jun	18-Jul	22-Aug
	KAROLINE 261706	KAROLINE 261706	KAROLINE 261706
Cape Town	17-Jul	23-Aug	26-Sep
Rupert's Bay	25-Jul	31-Aug	04-Oct
Ascension Island		05-Sep	
	KAROLINE 261806	KAROLINE 261806	KAROLINE 261806
Cape Town	7-Aug	21-Sep	17-Oct

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Our Little Miracle' Noah David Paul Henry arrived to first-time parents **Schmeichel and Belinda Henry** of **Cleughs Plain** on **30 June 2026** at **09:55am**, weighing **8lbs 11ozs**.

Both parents are besotted with their little bundle of joy and cannot believe he is finally here.

Schmeichel and Belinda would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr Takura, Midwives Rosie Mittens and Erika Bowers, and the rest of the medical team for their outstanding care and support throughout the pregnancy and during the safe delivery of baby Noah.

They would also like to thank their family and friends for the kind messages, gifts, and cards received on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy.



So Many Empty Offices in Downing Street on Monday



Nothing Urgent Happening - Obviously